

## Assembly Bill No. 352

### CHAPTER 58

An act to amend Section 12001.1 of the Penal Code, relating to undetectable knives.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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Existing law provides that any person who commercially manufactures or causes to be commercially manufactured, knowingly imports into the state for commercial sale, keeps for commercial sale, or offers or exposes for commercial sale, any undetectable knife is guilty of a misdemeanor. Existing law also defines an "undetectable knife" to mean any knife or other instrument that, among other criteria, is not detectable by a metal detector set at standard calibration.

This bill would revise the definition of "undetectable knife" to include any knife or other instrument that, among other criteria, is not detectable by a metal detector or magnetometer, as specified.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 12001.1 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

12001.1. (a) Any person in this state who commercially manufactures or causes to be commercially manufactured, or who knowingly imports into the state for commercial sale, keeps for commercial sale, or offers or exposes for commercial sale, any undetectable knife is guilty of a misdemeanor. As used in this section, an "undetectable knife" means any knife or other instrument with or without a handguard that is capable of ready use as a stabbing weapon that may inflict great bodily injury or death that is commercially manufactured to be used as a weapon and is not detectable by a metal detector or magnetometer, either handheld or otherwise, that is set at standard calibration.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, commencing January 1, 2000, all knives or other instrument with or without a handguard that is capable of ready use as a stabbing weapon that may inflict great bodily injury or death that are commercially manufactured in this state that utilize materials that are not detectable by a metal detector or magnetometer, shall be manufactured to include materials



that will ensure they are detectable by a metal detector or magnetometer, either handheld or otherwise, that is set at standard calibration.

(c) This section shall not apply to the manufacture or importation of undetectable knives for sale to a law enforcement or military entity nor shall this section apply to the subsequent sale of these knives to a law enforcement or military entity.

(d) This section shall not apply to the manufacture or importation of undetectable knives for sale to federal, state, and local historical societies, museums, and institutional collections which are open to the public, provided that the undetectable knives are properly housed and secured from unauthorized handling, nor shall this section apply to the subsequent sale of the knives to these societies, museums, and collections.

